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1. A faction of the Dai Viet party led by Dang Van Sung believes that the Geneva Conference is merely another move in the cold war between the U.S.S.R. and the U.S.A. and that the meeting will be no more successful than the Berlin Conference.
2. The Viet Nam Quoc Dan Dang (VNQDD) believes that the U.S.A. realizes that the French are on the defensive and that the Viet Minh (VM) are stronger; and that therefore the U.S.A. wishes to internationalize the Indochina war. The VNQDD does not believe that the conference will achieve anything.
3. In Hanoi, the Unity Group led by Tran Trung Dung thinks that Geneva will be a stage for the Indochina War with the U.S.S.R. and the U.S.A. as the leading actors. This group believes that both sides are internally divided; the west over EDC and the east over Communist China and that nothing will be accomplished at Geneva.
4. Individuals like Nguyen The Truyen and Ngo Van, publisher of Tai Sang; and various groups such as the factions of the Dai Viet party who are led by Nguyen Ton Hoan; the Viet Doan, a nationalist coalition front; the Unification and Peace Movement led by Le Toan and Nguyen Van Chu; the National Labor Union led by Bui Long; and certain Catholic youth groups have all been quoted as

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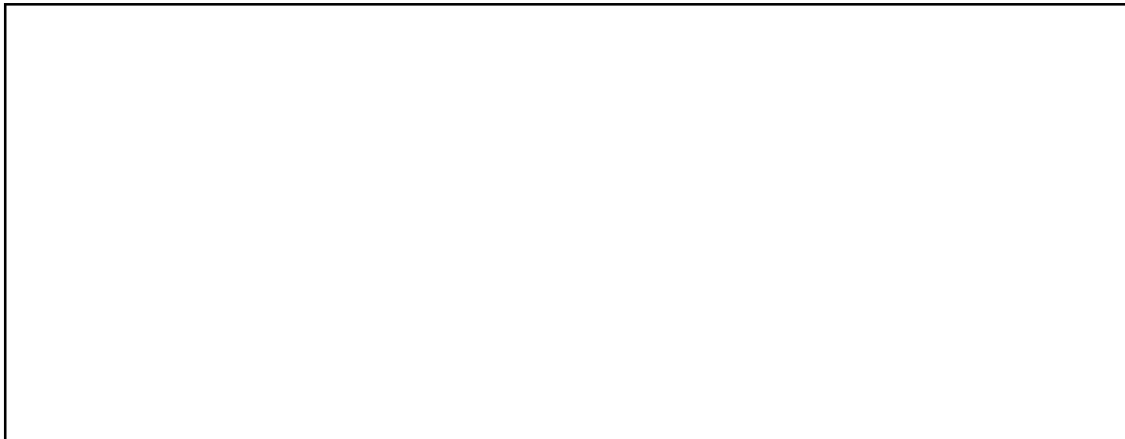
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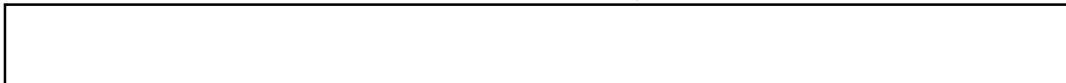
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It should be noted that the above report does not imply strong reactions on the part of the Vietnamese, the reaction has been in fact slight, apathetic and cynical. [redacted] if an agreement is reached on the Indochina problem at Geneva, the nationalist forces would not continue to fight as guerrillas versus the VM. [redacted] although the nationalists were supported by the Chinese Nationalists in 1945 and were opposing comparatively a weak VM organization, the VM was still able to inflict heavy losses on the nationalists. [redacted] now the VM is even stronger and the nationalists more dis-organized and a resistance from the maquis is therefore impossible.

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